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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,
COUNTY OF CASS

Keith Harriger

of said County and state, being first duly sworn, on oath says: That *THE FORUM* is a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the City of Fargo, in said County and State by FORUM COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, and that *THE FORUM* is the duly elected, qualified and acting official newspaper in and for Cass County according to the provisions of the statute covering official newspapers, and that I am the clerk of the publisher of *THE FORUM*, and during all of such time covering the publication of this notice have occupied such position on said newspaper, and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; and that the advertisement a printed copy of which is hereunto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper **two** times to wit:

July 3, 13, 2006

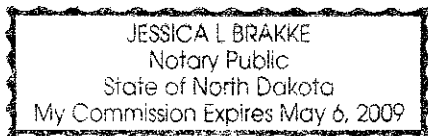
SRF Consulting SE Main Ave Public Meeting

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

...26 day of July, 2006

.....Jessica L Brakke
Notary Public, Cass Co., N.D.

My commission expires...May 6, 2009



**PUBLIC HEARING AND ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT FOR THE
SE MAIN AVENUE/20TH STREET/21ST
STREET RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION
SAFETY PROJECT
IN THE CITY OF MOORHEAD, CLAY COUNTY
PROJECT NUMBERS: SP 144-116-07; SP 144-136-06; SP
144-123-11
MINNESOTA PROJECT: HPP MN 58(103)**

You are encouraged to attend an informational open house and public hearing regarding the Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet and Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation for the proposed SE Main Avenue/20th Street/21st Street Railroad Grade Separation Safety Project. The proposed project is located in the City of Moorhead in Clay County.

The informational open house and public hearing are scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at Moorhead Senior High School, 2300 4th Avenue South, Moorhead, MN. The purpose of the informational open house and public hearing is to update the public on the proposed project and to encourage public comment on the project. Maps, drawings, and other pertinent information, including the Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet and Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation (EA/EAW) will be available for public review. Agency correspondence is included in the EA/EAW.

Open House: An open house is scheduled from 5:00 to 6:30 pm, where you will be able to ask questions and discuss the project in an informal manner with City officials and representatives from SRF Consulting Group Inc., the project consultant. Maps, drawings, and other pertinent information, including the SE Main Avenue/20th Street/21st Street Railroad Grade Separation Safety Project EA/EAW will be available for public viewing.

Public Hearing: A formal public hearing for the SE Main Avenue/20th Street/21st Street Railroad Grade Separation Safety Project will begin at 6:30 pm. There will be a formal presentation, including the preliminary design alternative selected and findings associated with the EA/EAW. Public comment is encouraged and will be recorded as part of the official public hearing record. Both written and verbal comments will be accepted. All comments will be considered in the development of this project.

The proposed SE Main Avenue/20th Street/21st Street Railroad Grade Separation Safety Project includes construction of three railroad overpass bridges and reconstruction of the roadways below their existing grade to accommodate the railroad overpasses. Construction will also include a traffic signal at the SE Main Avenue/20th Street/21st Street intersection, access control/consolidation, retaining walls, and pedestrian/bicycle trails. The EA/EAW includes information on environmental effects of the project including traffic, noise, air quality, right of way, and environmental justice. No encroachments in wetland or floodplain are anticipated.

The tentative schedules for right-of-way acquisition and construction will be discussed, as well as the relocation assistance program. The project schedule is dependent upon federal funding and approvals.

To Comment: Comments on the EA/EAW will be accepted during the 30-day comment period which ends on August 2, 2006. Comments on the SE Main Avenue/20th Street/21st Street Railroad Grade Separation Safety Project EA/EAW can be mailed, prior to the close of the public comment period to: Clair Hanson, Assistant to City Engineer, City of Moorhead, PO Box 0779, 500 Center Avenue, Moorhead, MN 56560.

For Viewing Copies: Copies of the EA/EAW, which documents the purpose and need of the project along with the anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts, are available for public viewing during business hours at the following locations:

Moorhead City Hall
500 Center Avenue

Fergus Falls Public Library
205 E. Hampden

Lake Agassiz Regional Library - Moorhead Public Library
118 5th Street South

City of Fargo Public Library
102 Third Street North

Online Information: The EA/EAW is also available on the City of Moorhead Project Website at

http://www.cityofmoorhead.com/city_services/se_main_railgrade.asp

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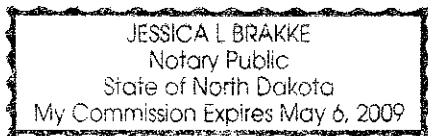
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